



## ***COUNTERFEIT/SUSPECT FASTENER CERTIFICATION***

The Department of Energy (DOE) has identified certain bolts or fasteners that are considered to be suspect or defective. These fasteners, when used in a critical application on vehicles and equipment, are not allowed on a DOE site. The Suspect/Counterfeit Bolts, which shows the head markings of SAE Grade 5, Grade 8, Grade 8.2, and ASTM A 325 fasteners are considered by DOE to be suspect or counterfeit.

Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that equipment provided to the Company has been inspected and does not contain suspect/counterfeit fasteners, which are in a critical application. A critical application is defined as one in which failure of the fastener could potentially result in injury to personnel or damage to the property, equipment, or environment.

If suspect/counterfeit fasteners are discovered in equipment prior to its being put into service, the fasteners will be marked and/or tagged by the Company. The Company will evaluate the application of each suspect/counterfeit fastener to determine if the fastener is in a critical application. If it is determined that a suspect/counterfeit fastener is in a critical application, the Seller will be notified and use of the equipment will not be allowed until the suspect/counterfeit fastener has been replaced with an acceptable fastener. Replacement of the suspect/counterfeit fastener will be at the expense of the Seller.

If suspect/counterfeit fasteners are discovered while the equipment is in use, the fasteners will be marked and/or tagged by the Company. Continued use of the equipment will not be allowed until the Company evaluates the application of each suspect/counterfeit fastener to determine if it is in a critical application. If it is determined that the suspect/counterfeit fastener is in a critical application, the Seller will be notified and use of the equipment will be terminated. The Seller will be notified and asked to repair or replace the offending item(s). Any adverse impact on Task Release cost, schedule or work methods resulting from the discovery of the suspect/counterfeit fasteners, either prior to or during use of the equipment, will be documented and all such costs will be charged to the Seller.

The undersigned acknowledges and accepts the above responsibilities and remedies.

Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seller Authorized Representative

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_